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SENATE RESOLUTION 178
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A RESOLUTION to recognize Larry W. Papasan on the occasion
of his retirement from Smith & Nephew, Inc.'s
Orthopaedic Division in Memphis.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor
those estimable citizens who, in their years of work, have performed with the utmost integrity,
dedication, and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Larry W. Papasan is one such person who, throughout his professional
career, has demonstrated the greatest commitment and integrity in all his chosen endeavors;
and

WHEREAS, Mr. Papasan has meritoriously served as President and Chairman of Smith
& Nephew, Inc.'s Orthopaedic Division in Memphis since 1991, and will be retiring as President
on May 1, 2002 and as Chairman at the end of the year; and

WHEREAS, a sterling scholar, he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil
Engineering from Mississippi State University in 1963; and

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WHEREAS, accepting positions of increased responsibility, Larry W. Papasan served Memphis Light, Gas, and Water Division with acumen and alacrity in various positions from 1963 to 1983, before being promoted to President; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Papasan began his admirable service as President and Chairman of Smith & Nephew, Inc.'s Orthopaedic Division in 1991; and

WHEREAS, for the last eleven years, he has led Smith & Nephew, Inc.'s Orthopaedic Division to unparalleled levels of excellence, astutely directing the division's 2,000 employees worldwide, including 1,550 in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, a conscientious citizen of Shelby County, Larry W. Papasan has been actively involved in the greater Memphis community for over thirty years, steadfastly dedicating his time and talents to the betterment of his community; he has generously served as a member of numerous Boards of Directors and volunteered in various community organizations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Papasan exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, he is a devoted husband to his sweetheart and wife of thirty-eight years, Dianne, and a loving father to their two children and three grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, a faithful Christian, Larry W. Papasan is a devout member of the East Shelby Church of Christ in Collierville, which he helped found in the early 1980s and diligently serves as a Deacon; and

WHEREAS, after his much-deserved retirement, Mr. Papasan wishes to spend more time with his family and in the service of his Church; in early 2003, he plans on taking several vacations before continuing his fine tradition of public service in the Memphis community; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, he has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their potential, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his peers and superiors alike; and

WHEREAS, although he is retiring, Larry W. Papasan's imprint on Smith & Nephew, Inc. will remain; as President and Chairman of the Orthopaedic Division, he leaves behind an

indelible legacy of astute and innovative leadership and the foundation for future growth and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Papasan has performed his work with uncommon devotion, ability, and enthusiasm, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor Larry W. Papasan for his meritorious service as President and Chairman of Smith & Nephew, Inc.'s Orthopaedic Division, commend his years of professional excellence, and applaud his commitment to his family, his church, and his community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express to Mr. Papasan our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.